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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

**NEWCASTLE, SATURDAY.**

At a meeting of the Wallsend miners on Friday evening the case of Thomas Jones v. Waratah Smelting Works was discussed. It was resolved that the general secretary interview the Minister for Justice, and that the members of the Trade and Labour Council, together with the members for the county, be requested to accompany the secretary. It was also decided that the district committee pay to the effect of the expenses attached to re-opening the case, that the Wallsend lodge should pay the whole. Copies of the depositions have been applied for by the general secretary through Mr. Moore, solicitor.

**GRAFTON, SATURDAY.**

The man who entered a dwelling last night, and broke open a box, abstracting £20 in cash, has been arrested by the police, and £18 of the stolen money recovered.

**BRAIDWOOD, SATURDAY.**

A poor carrier named William Atkins has suffered a very severe loss through the death of a valuable draught horse which died through a hard substance getting into its feed. A post-mortem examination has shown the fact that the entrails were totally severed. The animal was worth £600.

Many publicans here will lose their license through the premises not being according to the new Act, although granted last year.

The weather is clear and warm, with bright days and frosty nights.

Last evening another attempt, making the sixth during the last two years, was made to shut up on Sundays the public reading-rooms in connection with the Library Institute. The attempt was a failure, as the place was again rejected, at this time by the largest majority ever obtained on the question. Fully three-fourths of the total number of subscribers voted, and the matter caused the most intense excitement. The privilege once enjoyed will not now be surrendered.

**WEST MAITLAND, SATURDAY.**

The hours for delivery of letters and newspapers at the post-office will be altered after the 31st July from half-past twelve to 1 o'clock p.m. 10 and 11 o'clock a.m. This alteration gives general satisfaction.

by auction here on behalf of the Hunter River Farmers

The Rev. Shaw, wife of the Rev. John Shaw, of St. Paul Church, who is shortly leaving Maitland, has been presented by the ladies forming the Benevolent Society with a splendid silver casket brooch, as a memento of their esteem and affection.

Mr. J. W. Lewis, J.P., who has been acting-clerk of the Sessions here some months, during Mr. Smith's absence has been appointed to a similar position at Eden.

The committee of the school of Arts have made arrangements for a series of lectures to be delivered during the winter months. Mr. W. Briggs will give the first lecture on Thursday evening next. The subject will be "Reminiscences of a Tour in Italy."

**LISMORE, SATURDAY.**

On Thursday 750 acres of land were selected as the lot of the office.

A meeting, to consider the subject of railway extension to New England, has been called by C. E. Meyer for Thursday next.

The weather is fine; no frost.

Business is quiet.

**FERNMOUNT, SATURDAY.**

General indignation is expressed by the farmers of the Delongue liver at the commission agents selling the butter with their name without first consulting the farmers, who intend to fall in with those on other rivers in forming a general company.

**WILCANNIA, SATURDAY.**

A splendid supply of perfectly pure fresh water was struck at a depth of 185 feet on Mount Arrowmount Station belonging to Messrs. Butcher and Prodribb. The water rose 50 feet before the boring-rod could be withdrawn. This is the second supply got on this section within the last six months.

The weather continues dry.

**HIGHWAY ROBBERY UNDER ARMS**

On Saturday morning a telegram was received at the

tract for the No. 1 section of the works in connection with the Napeen water supply, stating that the owner-partner of the firm, Mr. H. W. Topham, had been stopped and robbed about 10 o'clock that day by two armed men on the main road between Douglas Park railway station and the Napeen water works. Mr. Topham had left Sydney on Friday evening with a large sum of money to pay the month's wages of all the men engaged on the contract, the intelligence created a considerable amount of excitement. Mr. Topham, Inspector-General of Police, was contacted by a letter from the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Topham, who, with a detachment of force, to co-operate with the district, Inspector Myland, in the robbery. From further information obtained from Mr. Topham, it appears that Douglas Park railway station was by his groom, a man named Thompson, who carried a black leather bag. At a point on the road about three or four miles from the residence of the robber, two masked men came out of the bush with revolvers and snatched the bag. One of them took the horse's head and the other the bag. The men then proceeded to the occupants of the vehicle were compelled to get out, blindfolded, and tied up to trees, after which the two men returned to the vehicle. Mr. Topham subsequently, after a good deal of trouble in untying with his own hands, the ropes which bound him to the trees, and then set free the man. The buggy driver, a man named Thompson, was taken away to the telegraph station, and the man who carried the bag was taken to Sydney. Under the direction of Inspector Camplin and Myland, a search was stationed at all the points where it was considered probable that the highwayman would pass, a strict watch kept at the various railway stations along the main road between Douglas Park and the Napeen water works, the guard of all trains to keep their eyes open for suspicious characters. Between 8 and 9 o'clock on Saturday at the Meringue platform took their seats in a train for Sydney; the guard communicated the circumstances to the police at Campbelltown, and Constables Parkin and de la Haye, who were on duty at the station, were sent to the police station, and it was found to contain the whole of the money which had been taken from Mr. Topham, with the exception of a small sum of money which he had given to the two men as a reward. As soon as possible, a note that they reside at Balmoral

town lockup. No firearms were found upon them when arrested. The black bag in which Mr. Topham had

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